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## Generous Gifts to Britain

Canberra, Mar. 5.—The Labour Party in Parliament today approved an Australian Government proposal to make a gift of £25,000,000 to Britain as Australia's contribution to the Pacific War costs.

It is believed that New Zealand, following Australia's example, will make a similar gift. United Press.

## Marshall Off To Moscow

Washington, Mar. 5.—The Secretary of State, Gen. George C. Marshall, accompanied by a staff of only five experts, boarded a special Army plane this morning and was scheduled to hop off at 9 a.m. EST for the Big Four meeting in Moscow.

Gen. Marshall believes the first month of the talks will indicate whether the conference can complete its work. If it appears to be headed for additional long weeks of squabbles, Gen. Marshall will suggest the Big Four recess until September and then try again.

The Moscow agenda, as finally agreed, includes discussion of the disarmament and demilitarization of Germany, future boundaries, reparations, form of the future German state, policing of Germany for 25 to 40 years, merging of the four present zones into one economic unit and distribution of Germany's foreign assets among the wartime Allies. —United Press.

## NEW CHIEF IN INDO-CHINA

Paris, Mar. 5.—Emere Bollardet, former Prefect of Lyons, was named today by Premier Paul Ramadier as High Commissioner to Indo-China replacing Admiral Thierry d'Argeville.

The nomination of a civilian was considered here as a conciliatory gesture to the Annamite people.

The French communists did not say d'Argeville had resigned. It stated the Council of Ministers believed it would be better if the task of carrying out its policy in Indo-China were confined to a Parliamentary personality. —United Press.

## Full House Signs At Police Cells

China's financial plight gave the Water Police their worst headache in months yesterday as frantic telephone calls over the evening on the question of lock-up accommodation at various police stations followed the discovery that 112 men, women and minors arrested for illegally boarding the ss. "Hiram" did not have enough Hong Kong currency to bail themselves out.

The crowd who boarded the "Hiram" in the hope of obtaining passage to Swatow had no Hong Kong notes, not having foreseen a change of illegal boarding. Uncertain whether Hong Kong currency would not be called in at Swatow as foreign currency, they had invested their all in purchases of all sorts and in purchases of tinny cigarettes particularly.

They had baggage enough to obstruct all passengers on the Water Police Station at Tsimshatsui, where it lay yesterday evening. They even had Chinese National currency, but no Hong Kong notes, the only tender in which bail could be accepted. Stations were being called last night in quest of accommodation. Fifty were sent to Central to pass the night. Attempts were being made to find room for some at other stations. "Short of the New Territories, every station in Hong Kong and Kowloon is full," said a police inspector. —China Mail.

The "Hiram" loaded the Police Station at 10.30 a.m. yesterday. Police officers had hardly begun to work when the "Hiram" was full of passengers.

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REFORM APPROVED IN LONDON

## Important Constitutional Changes Formal Statement In House Of Commons

### TORPEDOED HERSELF

The New York, Mar. 4.—The United States submarine "Tang" torpedoed herself in a Pacific battle in 1944.

The 24th and last torpedo in her locker reversed its course en route to the target and blew her up. Vice-Admiral Charles Lockwood, United States Navy Inspector General, disclosed today. Seventy-eight members of the crew lost their lives and only nine survived. —Reuter.

## U.S. Policy Too Naive

San Francisco, Mar. 5.—Dr. Leo Eloesser, noted San Francisco physician recently returned from two years in China, today advocated the complete removal of American troops from China, but said American relief supplies and money must continue to flow.

Speaking at the American Institute of Pacific Relations, Dr. Eloesser said American policy in China has been "too naive."

"We must, however, continue to send relief to China unless we want to turn a calloused shoulder," Dr. Eloesser said. "Four millions Chinese die every year who should not die." —United Press.

## UNRRA APPROVES CHINA REQUEST

Washington, Mar. 5.—The UNRRA Central Committee today approved a \$5,000,000 Chinese "open market" cotton sale programme.

The allocation was made subject to a requirement that the Chinese Government give 10 per cent of the cloth and five per cent of the cotton directly to the poor for use as padding in winter clothing. —United Press.

Shanghai, Mar. 5.—The American President Lines Marine Lynx was quarantined outside Shanghai this morning due to a case of smallpox aboard. The ship is carrying 946 passengers. —United Press.

## Approval of Legislative Council reform and of the creation of a Municipal Council in Hong Kong was formally announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by Mr. Creech-Jones, the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The text of the statement was released in Hong Kong more or less simultaneously.

Legislative Council is to have eight Unofficial members and seven Official members, giving a nominal Unofficial majority of one. While the statement makes no reference to the point, it is inferred that His Excellency the Governor retains the power of veto on an issue of crucial importance, by the exercise of a casting vote. Fuller details are awaited but it is understood that the proposals for the Municipal Council do not vary in important particulars from H.E. Sir Mark Young's plan of August last.

Text of the statement follows: "On May 1 my predecessor announced in this House that H.M. Government had had under consideration means by which in Hong Kong as elsewhere in the Colonial Empire the inhabitants of the territory could be given a fuller and more responsible share in the management of their own affairs. It went on to say that it was thought that one possible method of achieving this end would be by handing over certain functions of internal administration to a Municipal Council constituted on a full representative basis, but that the Governor of Hong Kong had been asked thoroughly to examine these important issues in consultation with representatives of all sections of the communities in Hong Kong."

### Municipal Council

The Governor and his advisers held these consultations and after considering other alternatives he came to the conclusion, with which I agree, that (a) a Municipal Council should be set up in Hong Kong on the widest representative basis possible. The majority of members will be elected and the Council will gradually assume as many of the present functions of the Central Government as can appropriately be assigned to it. The Municipality will include Kowloon, but not that area of the New Territories outside Kowloon which, by reason of its rural character, is not entirely suitable for immediate inclusion in the area to be administered by the Municipal Council.

### Legislative Council

(b) that the constitution of the Legislative Council should be modified with the object of securing on that body a more direct and a proportionately increased representation of the unofficial community. Under his recommendation, which I have accepted, the official members will be reduced to seven, and of eight unofficial members two will be directly nominated by the Municipal Council, and one each by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Unofficial Justices of the Peace. The remainder will continue to be nominated by the Governor.

H.M. Government are satisfied that these measures constitute the best means of achieving their genuine desire and intention to give the people of Hong Kong a practical and effective share in the management of their own affairs.

## ARCTIC WEATHER STATIONS

Ottawa, Mar. 5.—The Canadian Government announced today that with the assistance of the United States and with the knowledge of the Soviet Union it will build nine new Arctic weather stations in the next three years. The stations will be built in the Arctic region of Canada, Alaska, and Siberia. —Associated Press.

## EMBARGO ON RUSSIA?

Washington, Mar. 5.—Legislation to embargo all exports to Russia until Moscow makes "a satisfactory settlement" for the 95 Lend Lease merchant ships from the United States was introduced in the House by Representative Bradley, Republican of Michigan.

### Canada To Speak For Herself

Ottawa, Mar. 5.—The Secretary of External Affairs told Parliament yesterday Canada would have her own foreign policy and not speak through Britain, even though she might fail to get all she wants in foreign councils.

Louis St. Laurent made a statement during the all-day debate centered around Canada's failure to obtain full role in shaping the German-Austrian peace treaties, principally because of Soviet objections.

As a possible way out of the difficulty, Veteran Howard Green proposed "We should take advantage of our membership in the British Empire... we fought as an empire and we should, make treaties in the same way."

Louis St. Laurent said he was "in very sharp disagreement" with Green's remarks. —Associated Press.

## Communal Riots In Lahore

New Delhi, Mar. 4.—Communal riots flaring up through Lahore's walled city brought 80 deaths and injuries to 47 students and policemen today.

An 11-hour curfew was immediately imposed and troops were called out to prevent the situation from getting out of hand.

Hindu and Sikh followers battled Muslims who had preceded them in all-India League of Nations. —Associated Press.

## Helping The Little Man

London, Mar. 4.—A Bill which, according to the Lord Chancellor, prevents "the little man from being crushed by the juggernaut of State" in legal matters, was agreed to in principle by the House of Lords today when the Crown Proceedings Bill was given a second reading.

The Lord Chancellor (Lord Jovitt) said that the Bill puts the Crown (in this case Government Departments) in the same position as the subject, so that a subject who wanted to bring action against the Crown could proceed as though against another subject.

There were, he said, old rules that the King could not be implicated in his own courts, and that the King could do no wrong, but this was all being swept away now that the Crown, the State itself, was engaging in such activities as trading.

The Bill abolishes Petitions of Right and other ancient forms of civil proceedings by and against the Crown.

Opposition speakers warmly welcomed the Bill which, they said, abolished injustice. —Reuter.

## BABY REVELATION IN MURDER TRIAL

Bristol, Mar. 4.—A Bristol wife's passion for another man was alleged by the prosecution at the Bristol trial today to have been the motive for the killing of Cecil George Cornock at his home, Wellington Hill, West Henleaze, Bristol, on December 7.

Cornock was found dead in the bath tub and his wife, Mrs. Rosina Cornock, (34) is on trial on a charge of murdering him. She pleaded not guilty.

The prosecuting counsel revealed that Mrs. Cornock, who said she had no normal relations with her husband for many years, was found in Cardiff jail to be expecting a baby—a fact of paramount importance in the case, he said.

Mr. G.D. Roberts, KC, prosecuting, told the jury: "The case for the prosecution is that the motive for the murder was the passion this woman entertained for another man, one Gilbert Kenneth Bedford, a cripple who lived at Bath. According to Mrs. Cornock she met Bedford in August 1946."

"With the consent of the dead man, Bedford began to come to Mrs. Cornock home for weekends. While searching the house after the dead man had been found, the police discovered a pile of correspondence between Mrs. Cornock and Bedford."

"Violent Passion" —It was the prosecution's submission that these two entertained a violent passion for each other and that both looked forward with the utmost eagerness to when each could belong exclusively to the other."

Mr. Roberts said that according to the prisoner her husband was a sexual pervert who indulged in practices which a normal person would regard with disgust and revulsion. He got his wife to tie him up by the wrists and ankles and then various practices were executed upon him. Mrs. Cornock's clothing was found on the night before Cornock's death. Bedford had witnessed a scene from a cupboard under the stairs in which the wife had caded her husband while his wrists and ankles were tied.

"An impression of what happened to both the lovers can be imagined," Mr. Roberts said. "The next night Cornock insisted another disgusting and indecent thing," he added. —Reuter.

## FANCY TIES FOR BRITONS

London, Mar. 5.—Britons find today they can wear some fancy new ties and not spend their precious clothing coupons for them. The neckties are advertised as "geographically correct" and are made from coloured Royal Air Force camouflage patterns. The collars are of paper and are advertised as being "coupon free—no worn today by bankers, stockbrokers and members of parliament." —Associated Press.

## Norwegian Ship Disaster

London, Mar. 4.—A Lloyds shipping intelligence telegram from the Seaforth radio today reports that the following has been received from the Norwegian motor vessel Bolivar: "Ship breaking in two. Crew now leaving."

The "Bolivar" had previously reported that it was grounded in the vicinity of the Nish Light, outside Dublin, and was requiring the immediate assistance of tugs. The tug "Bustler" is now proceeding to the Bolivar's assistance.

Lifelines from Kingstown and Howth also went out tonight to the "Bolivar" (5,230 tons), which was on a voyage from Rosario to Oslo and carries twelve passengers and 39 crew.

It is believed that the passengers include Lord Mountevans (Evans of the Broke), who commanded the "Broke" in the attack on Zebrugga in the first World War.

It had been feared that the "Bolivar", lashed by the heavy seas, might break her back, and the Lloyds intelligence confirmed the worst fears.

It was not known late tonight whether any of the passengers or crew had been injured, but ambulances were standing by pending the return of the lifeboats. —Reuter.

## HEIRSS WED

Zurich, Mar. 4.—Barbara Hutton, the 47,000,000 Woolworth heiress, left the Golden Hotel here today by train for an unknown destination.

Her second marriage, to Prince von Thurn and Taxis, ended in divorce.

## Wild Weather's Final Flourish?

London, Mar. 5.—Red-faced weathermen having predicted that warm rain from the south today would bring on the thaw they forecast for yesterday—and South England was struck by the worst blizzard of the winter.

Road and rail traffic was in chaos today. Most highways and railroads were closed to traffic. Hundreds of thousands of Londoners were delayed hours in getting to and from work.

One train took 15 hours for a normally three-hour run from London to Brighton where the storm was accompanied by a 60-mile-an-hour gale. Trains that started for the capital yesterday were just drawing in at noon today.

The outlook officially was for a little more snow, a great deal of rain and the long-awaited thaw to end England's worst winter in 50 years.

An Air Ministry weather expert explained: "The thaw was late in arriving, we guess." Many people were stranded in icy railroad coaches all night. The dinner served coffee as long as it lasted. Traffic jams were reported all over London. One bus skidded and crashed and held up 60 trolley buses behind it for hours.

The thaw, meanwhile, reached Scilly Isles where the temperature rose to 49 degrees Fahrenheit. In London at noon it was above freezing.

Heavy Seas —Coal production hold-ups were reported from many open cast pits and heavy snow interfered with rail shipments while heavy seas hampered coastal ships. Underground miners continued to work.

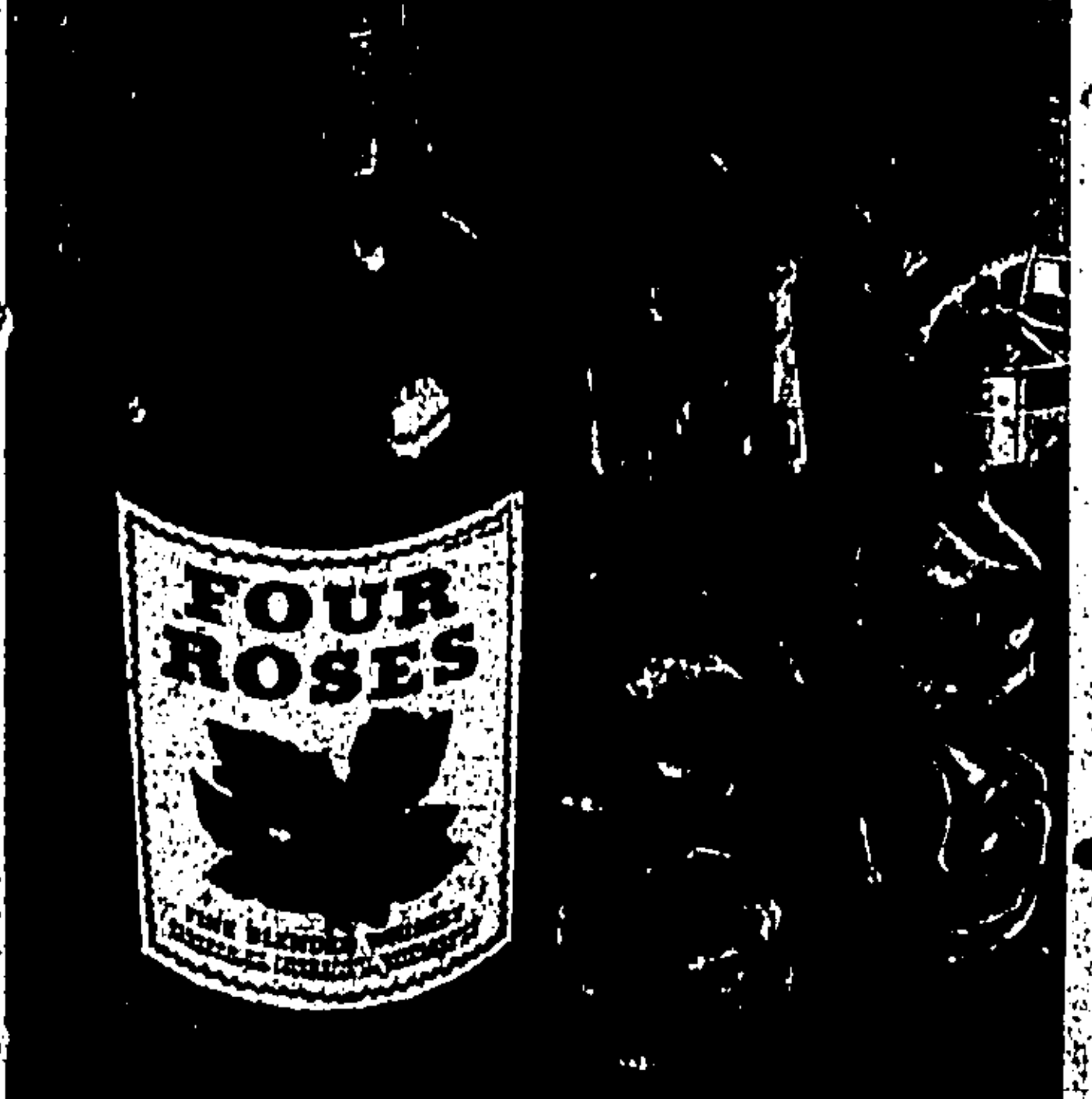
London airport was closed after slush and snow had frozen hard to runways but airplanes were landing, and taking off from Croydon's grass runways normally. All early morning services except one to Lisbon, however, were delayed owing to fog.

Today, with streets and parks covered with up to a foot of snow, the suburb of Hestley chose to announce a 100 per cent increase in outdoor swimming pool rates for this summer. A village in Lincolnshire, Normanby-le-Wold, cut off by deep snow for a month, was freed yesterday just in time to get snowed in again.

Near-Hurricane —At Brighton, roof slates and chimney bricks were ripped off.

THE WEATHER —An anticyclone, headed for Japan and pressure falling over NW China, brought depression in the Yellow Sea, Eastern Sea and the Gulf of Tonkin moving eastward.

Today's Forecast—Light or moderate E winds, weather dull and foggy with periods of rain. —Reuter.



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was not safe. When they replied in the negative, they were told to draw nearer. When they refused, the Crown th-

custody.

At the committal proceedings, Mr. Silva said, both accused were committed and they

put his hand inside his jacket, which was open at that time, and drew out a revolver. OSI

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# FUTURE UNIVERSITY

## Important Plans Under Discussion

A very strong and influential committee appointed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, after careful discussion of the future of the University of Hong Kong, made proposals of wide scope for extension and development and these proposals are now being considered by His Majesty's Government in Great Britain.

Until this issue has been decided the greater part of the formal organization of the University is in suspense. At the same time, it was necessary that provision should be made for the further education of young people who had completed their work in schools, as well as to provide finishing courses for students who had pursued their medical studies in China during the war.

The chief task is to build up courses of the University from year to year to ensure that when the developments hoped for can begin there will be a solid foundation for them.

In order to provide the necessary supervision of courses the Governor, as Chancellor of the University, set up in Hong Kong an interim Committee which exercises in general the functions of a University Senate. Such financial resources as the University had at the end of hostilities were in London. It was necessary to use these and a sum of money made available

by His Majesty's Treasury, to pay the debts of the University, to meet the costs of salaries during the interment and to provide funds for superannuation payments to men retiring and to the dependents of those who died in or during the war.

To provide the requisite authority for the spending of University funds, the Hong Kong University Provisional Powers Committee was set up by an Order in Council, and was given complete control of the funds and property of the University.

After paying the legal debts of the University its chief functions were to find men to occupy vacant posts in the University and to purchase equipment for science, engineering and medical laboratories all of which had been looted and destroyed during the Japanese occupation.

The Committee set up in London consisted of the Hon. Mr. Arthur Morse, Mr. Sydney Cairne and Miss M. Ruston of the Colonial Office, and Mr. D. J. Sloss. Since both Mr. Morse and Mr. Sloss have returned to the Colony it has been thought expedient to transfer the activities of the Provisional Powers Committee to Hong Kong.

Mr. Cairne and Miss Ruston have resigned after giving aid of the highest value to the Committee and to the University, and in their places the Secretary of State has appointed the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Follows, C.M.G. and Professor R. K. M. Simpson, M.C.

This Committee, for the time being, will carry on the functions of the Council of the University, the body which is charged with the administration of University affairs. It is hoped that the future shape of the University will be discernible at an early date.

### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:— H. J. Wild, Dr. A. W. Lo and C. A. Angus.

Peninsula Hotel departures:— I. Garner, Mrs. M. B. Hewitt, Mrs. A. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Langer, E. T. McAllen, W. Balme, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Nelson, W. B. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Hastings, A. B. Deneer, G. A. Griswold, Capt. and Mrs. L. H. Charuch, R. S. Garwood, J. B. Lynch, R. D. Sharpe, K. E. D. R. Bitter and Captain C. H. Pickens.

The Director of Medical Services announces that passengers leaving Hong Kong for Trans-Jordan should possess valid certificates of vaccination against smallpox.

### MYSBERG CASE

Shanghai, Mar. 5. The local military authorities have referred the case against Mr. Frederick Mysberg (Dutch subject) direct to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and no formal charges will be made pending receipt of instructions from the President.

The military authorities are holding Mr. Mysberg for questioning following a raid on Asia and Company, an alleged company of the American brokerage firm, Swann, Carter and Frith. He is being held in connection with alleged dealings in gold bars and foreign currencies.—Reuter.

### ARMY SERGEANT SENTENCED

C/Sgt. Alfred Smiles, 22, who had pleaded guilty to possession of a Large automatic pistol and 15 rounds of ammunition at 40 Queen's Road Central without a license on Feb. 17, was yesterday sentenced by Mr. H. E. Sheldon, K.C., to eight months' imprisonment. Smiles claimed that the pistol was a war souvenir.

In sentencing defendant, Mr. Sheldon said that he had taken into consideration the remarks made by his Company C.O.

### TREASURY NOTICE

SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BEFORE CLOSE OF FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Colony's financial year closes on the 31st March and all merchants and contractors are particularly requested to submit promptly to the Departments concerned any outstanding accounts for supplies and services to the Government, so as to ensure that payment is effected on or before the 31st March.

Payment of accounts submitted later than Monday the 17th March, 1947, may be considerably delayed.

H. R. HIRST, Accountant General. The Treasury, Hong Kong, 5th March, 1947.

### HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

#### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

#### NOTICE

##### Tender for Laundry Service

It is hereby notified that tenders for Laundry Services for all hospitals and institutions under this department are invited.

Full particulars and procedure for tendering were published in the Government Gazette of the 28th February, 1947, Notification No. S.125 or can be obtained from the Secretary, Medical Department, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, first floor.

P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE, Director of Medical Services. Hong Kong, 3rd March, 1947.

### GOVERNMENT STORES DEPARTMENT

#### NOTICE

##### Removal Of Sand

As the provisions of the Sand Ordinance are being contravened daily, the attention of the public is drawn to the extracts from the Ordinance published below.

It is the intention of the Authorities to apply the Ordinance vigorously and to prosecute anyone acting in contravention of its provisions.

SAND ORDINANCE NO. 50 OF 1935 Amended by No. 12 of 1938 Extracts

Para. 2 (1) — No person may take sand from any land, foreshore, or seabed, not under lease from the Crown, without having previously obtained a written removal permit or sale and removal permit from the Controller of Stores applicable to such Sand.

Para. 3 (1) — No person may in any junk or lighter, or in any truck or lorry, bring into the Colony or remove from one part of the Colony to another any Sand, wherever obtained and ultimate destination, in excess of two hundredweights, unless he has in his possession a permit, issued under Section 2 (1) or a written removal permit from the Controller of Stores issued under this Section, applicable to such Sand.

Para. 4 — Any person who contravenes any provision of Section 2 (1), or Section 3 (1), or brings into the Colony or takes or removes more Sand than is prescribed by the permit or Sand from or to any place other than the place or places, if any prescribed in the permit, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.

W. J. ANDERSON, Controller of Stores. Government Stores Department, Hong Kong, 5th March, 1947.

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#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

##### PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of George Willoughby late of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Des Vieux Road Central, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 24th day of March, 1947.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 27th day of February, 1947.

#### WILKINSON & GRIST,

Solicitors for the Administrator of the estate of the abovenamed deceased. No. 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

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#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

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IN THE GOODS of Joseph Edgar Joseph late of Prince's Building, Des Vieux Road Central Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 19th day of March, 1947.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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Dated the 4th day of March 1947.

WILKINSON & GRIST, Solicitors for the Administrator of the estate of the abovenamed deceased. No. 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

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#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

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The transfer books and register of members of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 16th day of March to Friday, the 28th day of March, 1947, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the same place, and on the same day, at 2.45 o'clock in the afternoon, or so soon afterwards as the ordinary general meeting shall have concluded, an extraordinary general meeting of the Company will be held, when the subjoined resolutions will be proposed as special resolutions:

1. That it is desirable to capitalise the sum of \$2,799,300.00 being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the reserve fund, and accordingly that a bonus of Fifty Dollars per share on the 55,986 issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared, and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to satisfy such bonus by the distribution of 27,993 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up amongst the persons who, on the 15th day of March, 1947, were registered as holders of the 55,986 shares of the Company, at the rate of one share for every two shares of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such bonus as aforesaid; that in the case of odd share, the holder of such odd share shall be given the option of having one share allotted to him credited as fully paid up upon payment of the sum of \$50.00 by such holder to the Company in respect of such odd share; that should such option be not exercised, the Directors be empowered to dispose of such share as they consider expedient in the interest of the Company; and that such shares shall rank in dividend *pari passu* with the existing shares;

2. That the remaining unissued shares of the Company be issued, and that the same be offered in the first instance at par to the members of the Company in proportion, as nearly as possible, of one share for every five complete shares (such shares to include the bonus shares to be issued to them pursuant to Special Resolution No. 1 hereof) held by them respectively, and upon the footing that the full amount of each share taken up shall be paid to the Company on acceptance of the offer, and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by payment will be deemed to be declined; and that the Directors be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interest of the Company; and that such shares shall rank in dividend *pari passu* with the existing shares.

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A. E. B. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer.

Hong Kong, 4th March, 1947.

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Were it possible to suspect the Hong Kong Government of subtlety, something more than coincidence might be detected in the timing by which the impending Income Tax announcement has been preceded by detailed proposals for the creation of a Municipal Council, and modifying the constitution of the Legislative Council. The likelihood of calculated design is, however, remote and we must assume that the Parliamentary statement, released simultaneously in Hong Kong yesterday afternoon, was made without consideration of the imminent Battle of the Tax. In a way, perhaps, this is rather a pity. For given the alternative, it would at once raise, as a point of extreme interest, the question whether Government would be prepared to contend that the measures now proposed "to give the people of Hong Kong a practical and effective share in the management of their own affairs" could be held to represent an adequate and effective response to political demands based on the platform "No Taxation Without Representation." As it is, the proposals stand by themselves for examination on their own merits. On that basis, the Government Scheme is entitled to a wide measure of approval, and His Excellency the Governor to the community's thanks. Some of the important detail has been left to be filled in later, but the brevity of the Commons statement does not prohibit the conclusion that the measures proposed constitute an advance, and an important and substantial advance, towards a genuinely representative form of government, probably, if not certainly, as great as could reasonably be taken having regard to the stage thus far reached in this Colony in the development of localised political and civic consciousness. Gratifyingly, the Governor and his advisers have not succumbed to the temptation to ultra-caution in concession. The course chosen has followed fairly closely the middle of the road, with its deviations more likely to rouse the fears and criticism of the more conservative elements among us than of the progressives. In the absence of closer detail, analysis must be subject to reservations. It would seem, however, that the constitution of the proposed Municipal Council has been approved on lines conforming fairly closely to the plan suggested by His Excellency the Governor in his August broadcast last year. The majority of members will be elected and to the Municipal Council will be delegated wide powers. Sir Mark's skeleton outline was well received six months ago and its warm endorsement will be more definitely assured since it is accompanied by Legislative Council changes also. So little has been said officially for the public ear on Legislative Council reform that deliberate evasion of the issue was the general interpretation of policy, so that the recommendation that has actually been made, and accepted, is doubly welcome. Again, comment will be restrained until further details become available. It is, however, indicated that, within limitations, which on first study would seem to sustain His Excellency the Governor's power of veto, there is to be an Unofficial majority, to be achieved by a reduction of the Official members to seven. Of the eight Unofficials two will be elected by the Municipal Council, one each by the Chamber of Commerce and the Unofficial Justices of the Peace, and four will be nominated by the Governor. Until the Colony has had vast experience in the workings of democracy, and the crucial test will come in what success it makes of the Municipal Council, the Legislative Council decision may be considered as giving Sir Mark's skeleton outline a day's delay. His Excellency's statement, like any face of the Government, is a reflection of the

"MISUNDERSTANDINGS  
IN WORLD AFFAIRS"

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

By WICKHAM STEED  
Former Editor,  
London "Times"

"The onlookers" runs the English saying, "see most of the game". This may mean that foreign secretaries and other members of the teams now playing in the game—or drama—of world affairs, are too absorbed in it to watch the content as a whole. As an onlooker of more than fifty years experience I wish to say how I see it.

I think it looks like, but is not in reality, a game of cross purposes, a game in which each side is apt to misinterpret what the other side may say in unguarded moments. Take for example the chance phrase used by British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, in the House of Commons on February 18. Mr. Winston Churchill had charged him with "eighteen months of protracted delay" in bringing the problem of Palestine before the United Nations. Mr. Bevin answered that he much regretted this "rhetorical display about protracted delay" because he and another minister had diligently sought to solve the Palestinian problem "in the midst of a world crumbling to disaster from war."

## A Blunt Man

Honest and ably statesman though he is, Mr. Ernest Bevin has not been trained to use precise, diplomatic language. With more truthfulness than Mark Antony could claim, he might say "I am no orator as Brutus is; but, as you know me all, a plain blunt man. I only speak as I think." Not long ago, the Soviet Government mistook the meaning of words he had said, and of others he had omitted, in a broadcast account of British foreign policy. Now, test his phrase about the "world

crumbling to disaster from war" be misunderstood, I think it well to say what I believe it meant. I take it to have meant, not that he looks upon the world as "crumbling to disaster" but that the spectacle of a world which, immediately after the second world war, appeared to be crumbling to disaster, had not prevented him and his colleagues from seeking to solve the Palestinian problem.

## Not Slander

If I am right in this belief, it would merely prove that thrust and parry of Parliamentary debate are not conditions most favourable for careful diplomatic utterance. The same may be said of expressions used upon the policy of Soviet Russia by Mr. Dean Acheson, Under Secretary of the Washington State Department. Mr. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, has protested against those expressions as being "blatant slander, and hostile to the Soviet Union." In a note to the United States Ambassador in Moscow, And General Marshall, Secretary of State, has answered Mr. Molotov by saying that "under our (United States) standards, a restrained comment on a matter of public policy is not slander. There fore, I know that on second thoughts you will not attribute hostility to frankness."

This answer may or may not satisfy the Soviet Foreign Minister. He may perhaps think Mr. Acheson's "frankness" little better than his alleged "hostility." The facts are that on February 10, when the United States was considering the appointment of a chairman to the Atomic Energy Commission, a Senator asked Mr. Acheson whether, in the light of Russian influence upon neighbouring countries, he did not believe that if Russia should obtain the secret of the atomic bomb "she would take not only the remainder of Europe but perhaps the remainder of the world."

## Not Alone

To this indiscreet question Mr. Acheson replied that it could not be answered in the way the Senator had asked it. He added "I am quite aware of the fact that Russian foreign policy is an aggressive and expanding one. I think one of the great efforts which everyone is making in the United Nations is to attempt to find means of solving problems of that sort. If those means and agreements can be found, then there is hope that there will be no major clashes. If they cannot be found, then I think the situation is very serious."

Unquestionably, Mr. Acheson is not alone in believing that failure to find agreement upon the control of atomic energy would

render the international outlook very serious. General Marshall, Secretary of State, told the Foreign Relations Committee on February 14, that politically "the world is in a very critical condition." On February 18, when the United Nations Security Council received the Russian proposal for the immediate outlawry of atomic weapons, the Polish delegate said if those weapons were not outlawed the work of a disarmament commission would be futile. He added "I believe that distrust sits at our table as the thirteenth delegate casting a veto on all our endeavours."

## Soviet Angle

What is one to make of these various utterances? Very stupid cynicism would be needed to conclude that they are suspicious preliminaries to the meeting of the foreign ministers in Moscow next week. Still, as an onlooker, I seem to see the point at which things might take a turn for the better if one fundamental misunderstanding could be cleared up. Soviet Russia, unless I am wholly mistaken, does not regard her policy as "aggressive and expanding" but as protective and defensive against what she regards as "conceives to be hostile tendencies of the Western world. On the other hand, since the governments of the Western world cherish no hostile tendencies toward Soviet Russia, they are apt to interpret Russian precautions as "aggressive and expanding."

This is the fundamental misunderstanding. With frank good-will, it should be possible for statesmen to dispel it when they meet in Moscow. All their countries urgently need an assured peace. Soviet Russia as much as any. As an onlooker, I see no compelling reason to think their efforts will fail.

Twice  
Divorced,  
To Be R.C.  
And Marry

Vatican City, Mar. 4. Reliable Vatican sources confirmed today that twice-divorced American Admiral Ellery Stone, former chairman of the Allied Commission in Italy, would be officially admitted into the Catholic Church next Saturday, preparatory to his impending third marriage to the niece of a Vatican prelate. Vatican sources explained that in the eyes of the Catholic Church, which does not recognize divorce, Stone was officially a widower rather than a divorced person. Admiral Stone, naval reserve officer and former executive of a postal telegraph company, is engaged to marry 21-year-old Barbara Renata Arborio Mella di Santella, niece of Monsignor Arborio Mella di Santella, who is Master of Ceremonies for the Vatican.—United Press.

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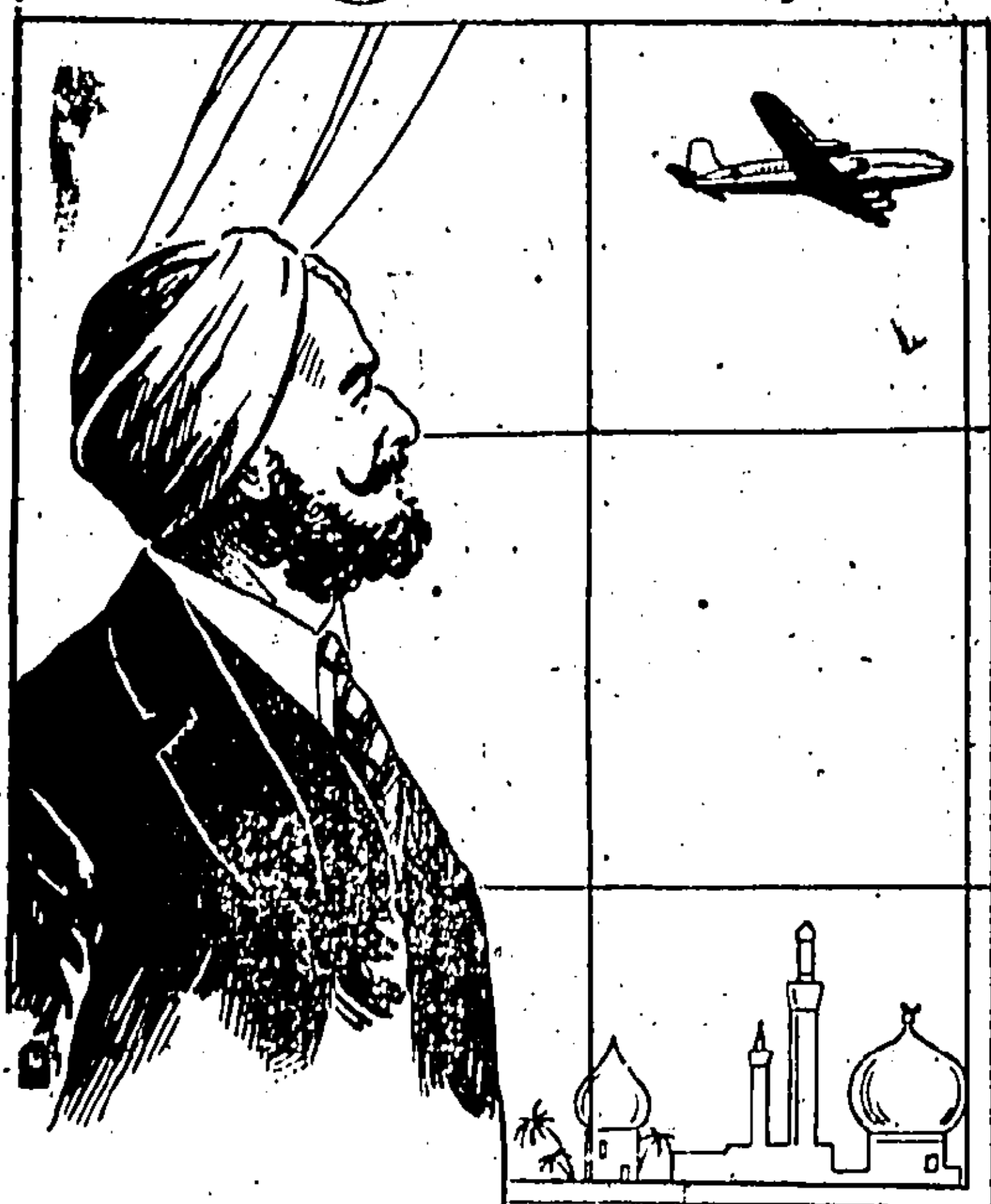
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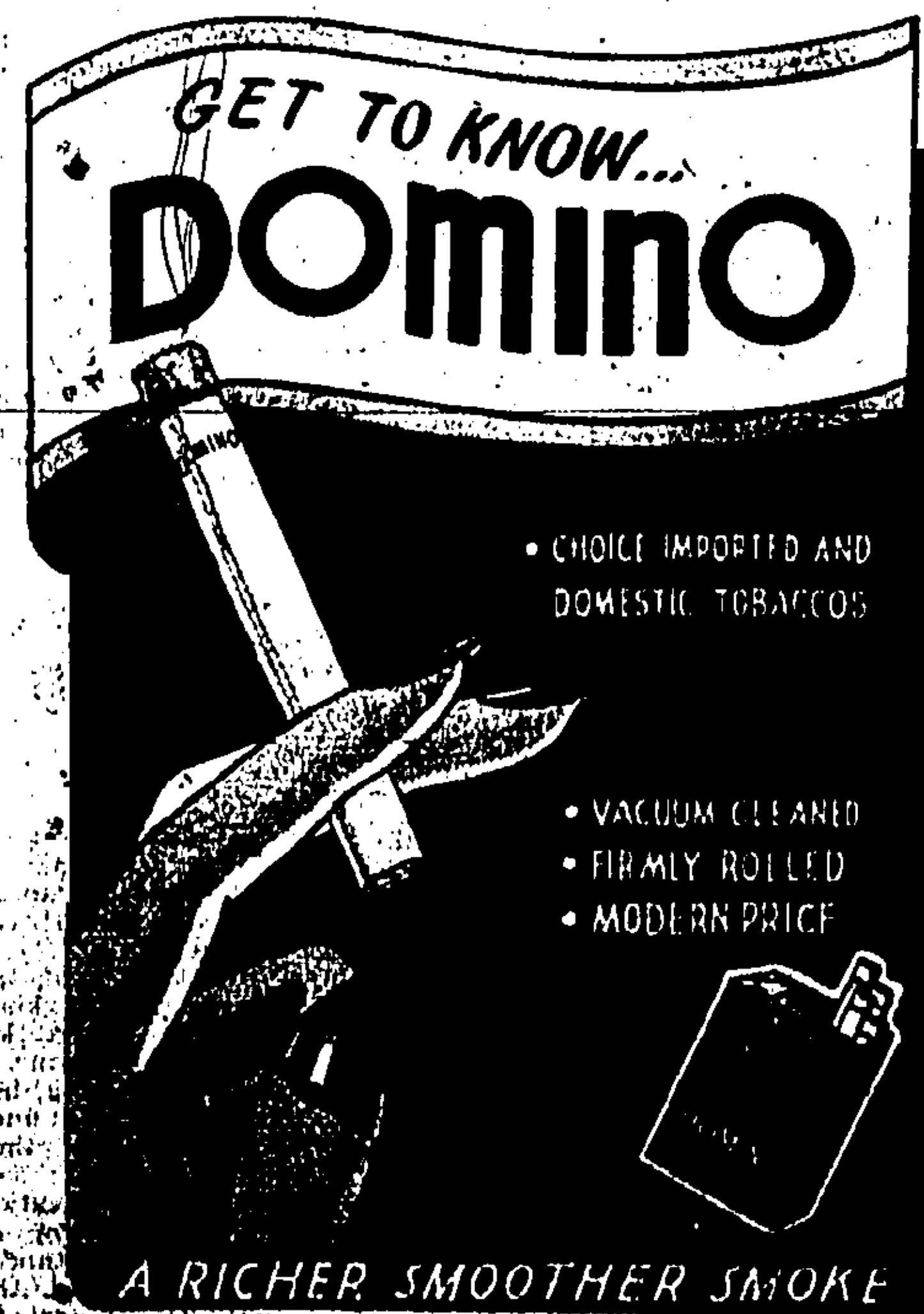
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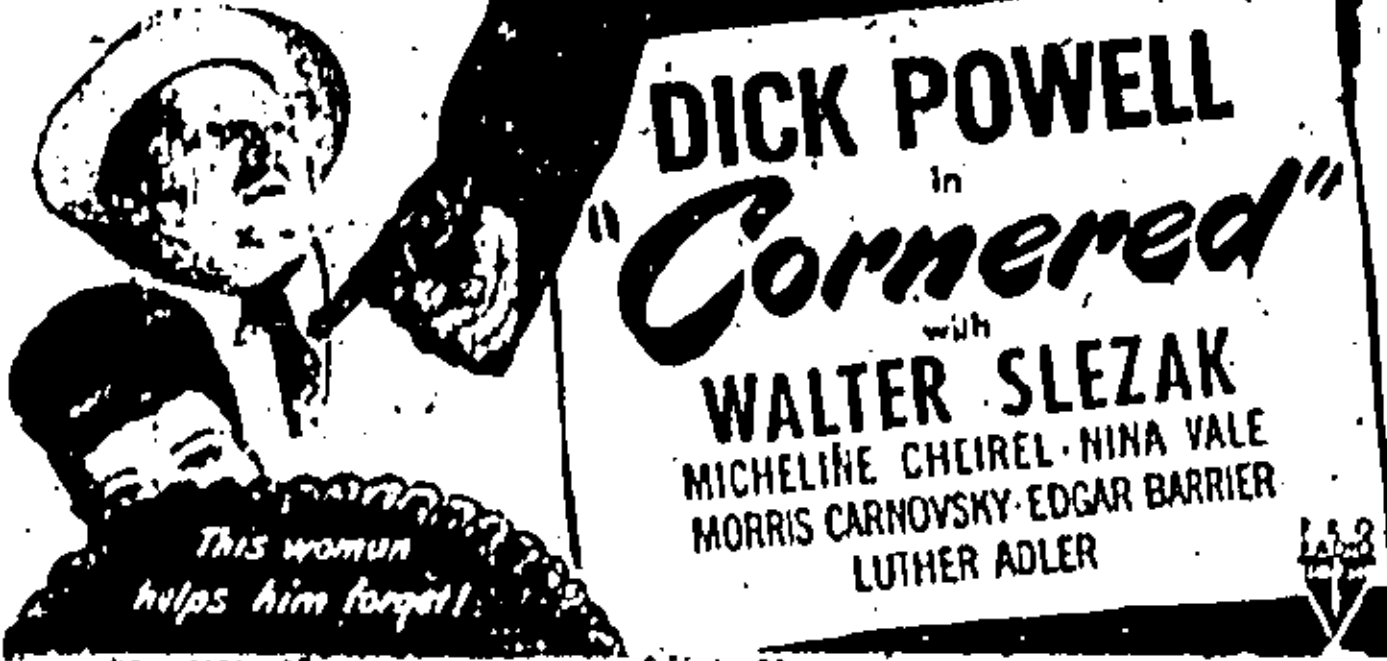
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Washington, Mar. 4.

Mr. James F. Byrnes, who was Secretary of State during the negotiations which led to the framing of the peace treaties with Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania, today urged Senate ratification of the treaties as a step in the direction of world stability and peace.

In a statement to the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate, which is beginning consideration of the treaties, he urged that so long as the armistice regime continues, these four defeated nations could not look forward to a future free from the possibility of interference in every phase of their national life.

Mr. Byrnes' statement said: "The United States and British forces in Italy have already been reduced almost to below the effective level. The same cannot be said for the forces of occupation in other countries, which must now leave within 90 days after the entry into force of the treaties."

"Our action in consistently pressing for an agreement upon these treaties has been influenced by our conviction that there could be no return to normal conditions in Europe until the armies of occupation were withdrawn and our realization that they would not be withdrawn in the absence of the peace treaties."

Mr. Byrnes said that making Trieste a free territory represented the choice between

that or having no agreement.

Russia, he said, refused to leave Trieste as part of Italy and the United States, Britain and France were equally determined that its large Italian population should not go to Yugoslavia.

**Reconciled**

"I am reconciled to the compromise for another reason—my fears as to what would have happened had our proposal been agreed to and Trieste was given to Italy," Mr. Byrnes said. He speculated that rioting would have broken out after the withdrawal of the United States and British forces. "Yugoslavia would then declare that it was necessary to quell the rioting on its border and troops would be sent into Trieste."

**U.S. COAL FOR  
BRITAIN?**London, Mar. 4.  
The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, said in the House of Commons today that the Government was carefully considering a suggestion that Britain ascertain whether the United States could spare coal for Britain without reducing allocations to other countries.

Other possibilities also were being considered, Mr. Attlee said during question period.

Mr. Attlee last month rejected an offer by President Truman to divert to Britain coal-ships bound for other nations.

—United Press.

He declared that the four defeated nations might regard some of the treaty clauses as harsh, but they would have the right to apply for UNO membership and, if admitted, "it is possible that revision of some of the more onerous clauses might be achieved."

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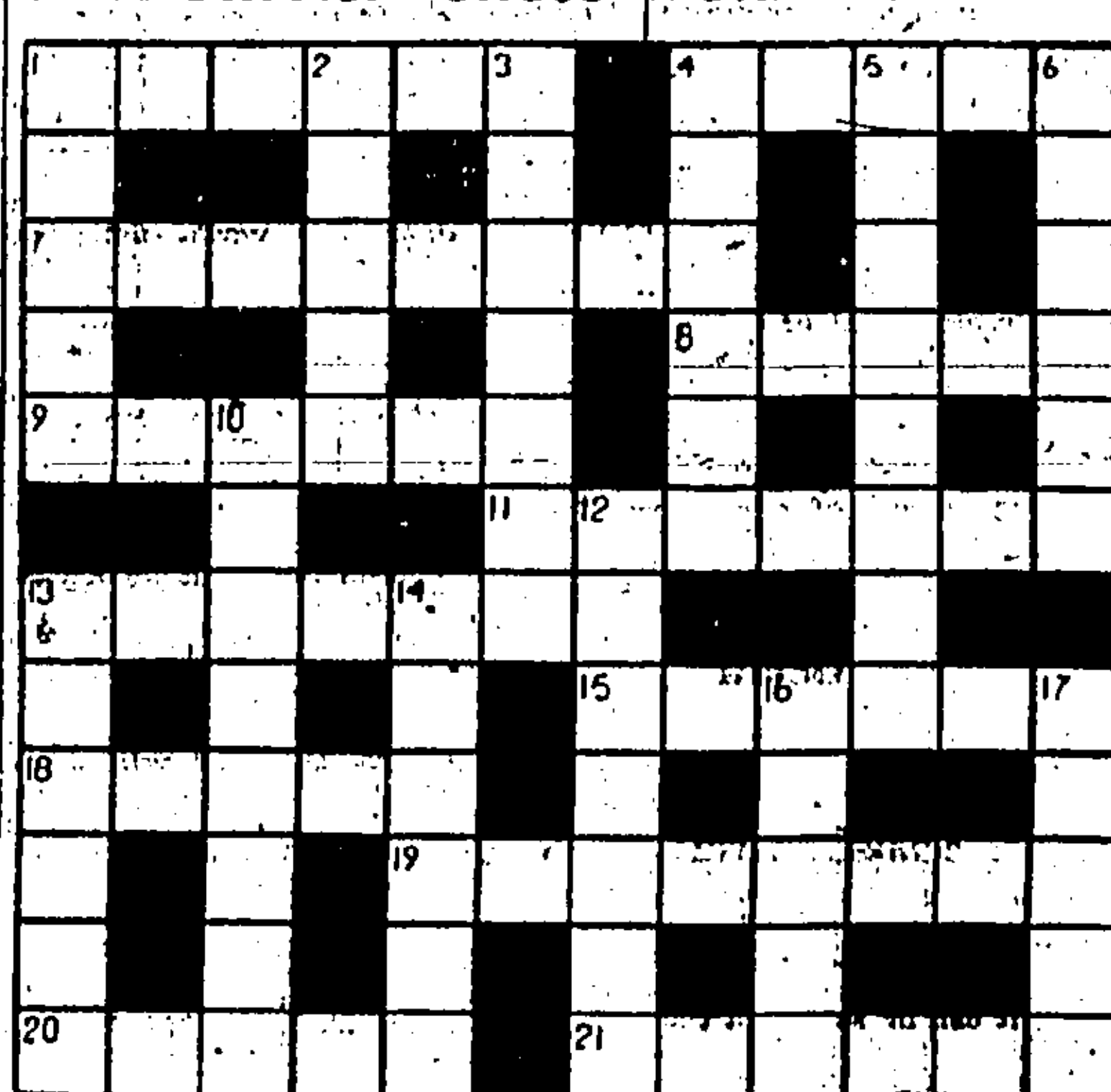
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9. Reach 21. Close.

**Clues Down**

1. Cunning 12. Antioch.
2. Bearing 13. Command.
3. Rigorous 14. Closely occupied.
4. Summary 16. Competitor.
5. Manifold 17. Precipitate.
6. Court.

**Yesterday's Crossword**

ACROSS:—1. Bass; 4. Doleful; 8. Tier; 9. Spar; 10. Parship; 11. Eyot; 12. Sage; 14. Tenant; 17. Truth; 19. Miser; 22. Missing; 26. Mere; 27. Trip; 28. Reverse; 29.

DOWN:—2. Appeal; 3. Street; 4. Depot; 5. Orator; 6. Epsom; 7. Union; 12. Stem; 13. Guy; 15. Eric; 16. Tare; 18. Entire; 20. Incident; 21. Errand; 23. Ident; 24. Steps; 25. Green.

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## London Exchanges

London, Mar. 4.

On New York 4.027, 4.032, Montreal 4.027, 4.032, Zurich 17.54, 17.55, Stockholm 14.57, 14.59, Buenos Aires quoted, Brazil 75.4416, Brazil (Sellers) quoted, Uruguay quoted, Paris &amp; French Empire 470.50, 460.20, India 885, 885, Lisbon 99.80, 100.20, Swiss Bank Notes Middle 17.25, 17.50, Netherlands East Indies 10.68, 10.70, Holland 10.65, Panama 4.02, 4.04, Denmark 10.32, 10.35, Prague 201, 202, Norway 10.00, 20.02, Palestine 10.5, 10.5, Philippines 8.95, 8.14.

Forward rates, one month: United States 1.1, 1.1, D. Canada 1.1, 1.1, D. Sweden 1.1, 1.1, D. Paris 40 cent, 40 cent, D. Holland 1 cent, 1 cent.

Bank of England clearing rates: Mat. 4.40, Italy 71.25.

Free market rates: India 17.94, 18.00, Australia 12.50, 12.50, New Zealand 12.57, 12.59, South Africa 10.60, 10.50, Tehran 12.5, 13.0, Alexandria 97.55, 97.55, Singapore 2.1-1.16, 2.4-1.1, Hong Kong 1.35-1.15, 1.54-1.10, Philippines 8.10, 8.15, Hongkong 1.35-1.15, 1.54-1.10, Shanghai quoted.

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Mr. A. W. Zelomok, head of the International Statistical Bureau, called the increases typical of the final phase of an economic cycle before a general fall of prices begins.

Wall Street analysts expected repercussions in industry should labour unions use the new high price level as an argument for higher wages, despite widespread forecasts of a general decline later in the year.

The new rise of prices is having this effect:

Required to pay more for food, consumers must necessarily spend less for other products. As a result, while the dollar volume of merchandise business still is high, the number of units and the number of units of any given type of goods have begun to decline.

Much of the February price upturn was created by factors other than normal.

The government authorised large grain purchases for export and grain prices rose.

Severe winter weather disrupted livestock transportation and bidding for the small supply of hogs and cattle available put prices up.

By the middle of February, prices in the United States were up an average of 1.0 per cent from the middle of



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## Bitter Inside Truth On China Currency Crisis

**Nanking, Mar. 5.**  
The five Control Yuan members, who investigated Shanghai's runaway gold and foreign currency market, in a 10,000 word report giving the "bitter inside truth" today charged four men—former Premier T. V. Soong; Mr. Pei Tsu-ye, resigned governor of the Central Bank of China; Mr. Lin Feng-pao general manager of the banking department of the Central Bank; and Mr. Yang An-jen, responsible for the gold policy fiasco.

The report said that as a result of their policies, the market ran amok, precipitating China's worst economic crisis. The report cited 11 counts on which it said the four men were responsible, and gave 12 reasons for the runaway market.

It said Soong and Pei, authors of the policy of the Government sale of gold in an effort to bolster the currency, failed to abandon the policy when it proved a failure. It charged that Lin and Yang, in executing the policy, were guilty of misjudgment and of irregularities which sometimes were allegedly deliberate for private gain.

The report alleged that public funds and production loans were used for speculation. The Yuan members said that most of the gold sold by the Central Bank fell into the hands of a few favored merchants who controlled the market, and accused Central Bank officials, including Lin and Yang, of connivance in the speculation.

### Virtual Monopoly

The report charged irregularity in the licensing of gold shops with five shops virtually in a monopolistic position. Over CN\$100,000,000,000 were drawn from the Central Bank by the military administration during the hectic days of January and February inflation and used for gold speculation, the report said. Production loans, intended to put industry on its feet and aggregating more than CN\$600,000,000,000, were used for gold speculation, the report added.

It accused the Communists of attempting to aggravate the crisis by dumping produce on markets in Government cities, using the proceeds to buy gold and commodities for hoarding. It revealed that a Peking Communist secret hoard totalling CN\$1,000,000,000,000 was recently unearthed.—United Press.

## Piastre Speculation

Speculators ran riot with Piastres yesterday as heavy buying sent the rate up to \$12.15 per 100. It opened at \$10.55. Profit-taking towards the close brought the rate down to \$11.85. Speculation in gold was less spectacular. The rate was on the climb, and yesterday reached \$282.75 a tael at the close. It opened at \$275.50. Fluctuations in the course of the day ranged from \$275.25 to \$283.50. Chinese National Currency futures were quoted at 35 cents nominal. Spot had some buyers and the rate improved to 34 cents (for CN\$1,000).

U.S. dollars were higher with buyers offering \$4.85, Sterling on the other hand weakened further to \$14.40. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.52.

### MR. K. P. MENON ENTERTAINED

Mr. K. P. Menon, the visiting Indian Ambassador-designate to China, was the guest of honor at a large tea party given by the Hong Kong Chinese Cultural Association at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday.

The close ties binding the two countries for four thousand years, particularly in the field of culture, were stressed by various speakers, and Mr. Menon said it would be his duty, whilst in China, to make those ties stronger.

Mr. Menon reminded his audience that he was no stranger to China, as he was stationed in Chungking for three years during the war.

A fine of \$100 was imposed by Mr. Lalmer on Lee Tang, of the Kam Shing Iron Factory, 165 Fuk Wah Street, for failing to fence securely the dangerous parts of his factory.

Police officers were warned that any person who was found to be in possession of a dangerous weapon, such as a revolver, was liable to a fine of \$100.

## Burnley In Semi-Final

**London, Mar. 4.**  
A goal by inside right M. R. in the first minute of extra time enabled the Burnley Football Club, Burnley, to defeat the powerful Middlesbrough team (who are near the top of the premier division) in the Football Association Cup sixth round replay at Burnley today.

Burnley now meet Liverpool at Blackburn in the semi-final on March 29. The other semi-final is between Newcastle and Charlton will be played at Leeds.

Conditions today were the worst ever known in the history of the Burnley ground, but despite the icy pitch, both sides played good football. Burnley, however, deserved their win.

## Smuggling Of Gold Report

**Shanghai, Mar. 5.**  
A Chinese report from Canton said that over 200 cases of gold and Chinese currency smuggling have been discovered in the past 20 days, involving as many as 40 ounces of gold, and that tens of millions of Chinese dollars have been discovered by the Customs authorities on Hongkong and Macao bound ships and trains.

The report estimated an average daily illicit outflow of 30 ounces of gold and CN1,000,000,000,000 on Hongkong alone.—United Press.

### DIVORCE CASE

Mrs. Isabel Erica Vander Needa, residing at No. 30, Avenue du Rio Albert, Shanghai, filed an application through Mr. D. A. Bernice, instructed by Mr. F. Zimmerman, before Sir Henry Blackall (Chief Justice) at the Supreme Court yesterday, for a dissolution of her marriage with Mr. V. V. Needa, of No. 14, Chatham Road, Kowloon, and for the custody of their child, his Lordship granted a decree nisi and the custody of the child.

### LA SALLE INCIDENT

On the application of DI A. Lettie, Ghidury, mess waiter, and Abdul Huq, mess cook, were remanded seven days in Military custody when they appeared before Mr. Blair-Kerr yesterday charged with assaulting Lo Lai, female, at the rear of 5 La Salle Road, and of assaulting Chinese Police constables 1277 and 1751 at 7 La Salle Road, on Feb. 27.

**Nanking, Mar. 5.**  
Dr. T. V. Soong is continuing to serve as a member of the National Government, the Council Minister of Information said today.—Associated Press.

## Canton Currency Decisions

**Canton, Mar. 5.**  
In deference to the wishes of the Chinese Government, the American Consulate-General, the United States Information Service and other American concerns are paying their staffs in Chinese currency on the basis of the official rate of CN\$12,000 for one American dollar.

Other foreign firms which used to pay in Hong Kong dollars, also are converting them to the official rate of CN\$12,000 for HK\$1. This system works as long as the official rate is about the same or slightly higher than the black market rate, but what will happen if the Chinese dollar depreciates further is a problem. A consular salary advance of 10 per cent, however, is a problem.

All dealings in foreign currencies and gold bars are illegal. Money lenders, however, are still active.

## THIS CAT HAD PUPPIES!

**Hawani, Mar. 4.**  
Believe it or not, an eight-month-old black cat gave birth to six puppies—four white and one yellow—all of which died within 48 hours. The residence of the cat's owner, Man Poo, was visited by innumerable hundreds throughout the week-end. A veterinarian said the deaths were due to the "abnormalities of the uterus" and the fact that the cat was unable to feed her offspring.—United Press.

## University Alumni

At the annual general meeting of the Hongkong University Alumni Association held yesterday the following officials for 1947 were elected: President: Mr. Yau Fung Hon; Vice-President: Mr. Lee Hui-chang; Hon. Vice-Presidents: Mr. D. J. Sloos, Mr. A. McRae, Hon. Dr. S. N. Chau; Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. W. Hong Choy; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Cheung Shiu Tong; Committee: Drs. D. K. Sims, F. I. Tseung, C. Y. Lai, C. W. Lam, Messrs. Hugh Bragg, Chai Cheuk Wa and John Brink.

A review of the Association's activities was presented by Mr. G. W. Hong Choy and the statement of accounts by the Hon. Treasurer.

The President said the Association now had about 300 members. Owing to the loss of the Association's records during the war, many pre-war members had not re-registered. He requested them to communicate with the Hon. Secretary.

## WOMAN ACCUSED IN BOMB THREAT CASE

The unfortunate peanut-hawker case was made the pretext by a gang of terrorists, styling themselves the Guerilla Youths Association, to extort money. It was revealed by DSI C. Downman in Mr. Blair-Kerr's Court yesterday when committal proceedings were commenced against a 25-year-old woman named Wan Kwok-ying.

Originally charged with demanding with menaces the sum of \$500 from Lo Ching-ching and Lo Li-ting on Jan. 21, Wan yesterday faced two additional counts of uttering a letter demanding of \$1,000 from the Lo brothers on Jan. 15, and demanding with menaces the sum of \$50 from the "large complainants" on Jan. 30.

Presenting the Crown case, DSI Downman said that on Jan. 15, a letter was delivered by post to the Kam Ling 100, 970 Nathan Road, demanding that \$1,000 be placed in a letter-box, bearing the characters "Lung Chak", on the stairway of 19, Tung Choi Street. The letter, translated, read in part as follows:

"Messrs. Kam Ling: We congratulate you on the prosperity of your business. Owing to the tragedy of Wong Shue-chung, our Association has despatched a number of members to Hong Kong to investigate the case.

"On the night of Jan. 16 at about 9 p.m. you have to send a man to the staircase of 19, Tung Choi Street and put the money into a letter-box. Our men will wait in the vicinity with revolvers.

"Keep this a secret or your life will be in danger and your shop will be bombed to the ground. The Guerilla Youths Association."

Instead of complying, Lo Ching-ching handed the letter to the Mong Kok Police. On Jan. 21, and DSI Downman, accused called on Lo Ching-ching and handed him a letter which referred to the previous correspondence and asked for \$500. The writers threatened that non-payment would result in the ten-house being bombed that night.

Lo Ching-ching asked accused to wait while he went to consult his brother. The brothers asked defendant to lead them to the representatives of the Guerilla. They were led to a spot opposite the China Light and Power Co.'s building in Argyle Street and asked to wait while she went behind some houses.

## Murder And Suicide Drama Inquest

The murder of a beautiful young dancing hostess at the Great Eastern Hotel and the subsequent dramatic suicide leap of a Chinese male from the top floor of the Bank of East Asia Building in January last, was recalled yesterday when Mr. F. X. d'Almada sat as Coroner at an inquest into the deaths of Kun Siu-ha and Tong Man-ho respectively.

Dr. D. W. Gould said that at about 2.45 a.m. on Jan. 9, he went to Room 331, Great Eastern Hotel, at the request of the Police. He found the body of a Chinese girl, aged about 19, lying on a bed. She was dressed in a white cotton blouse of blue forget-me-not design and a pair of pants of the same material. There was a double ligature around the neck, formed from a calico slip two inches wide.

From his examination, Dr. Gould said that he formed the opinion at that time that the girl had died three or four hours earlier.

Subsequently, a post-mortem examination was carried out and in his opinion death was due to homicidal strangulation and that it occurred between 11 and 12 o'clock on the night of Jan. 8. Dr. Gould also related the results of his examination of the body of a Chinese male and said that death in this case was due to injuries he had described, and which were consistent with deceased having fallen from a great height.

Au Sam said that she was formerly employed by a dancing hostess named Kun Siu-ha. On the night of Jan. 8, she accompanied her mistress to Room 331, Great Eastern Hotel, where she saw a man lying on a bed with his face upwards. Her mistress told her to leave and to return at midnight.

When she returned at 11.50 p.m. and knocked at the door of Room 331, the man answered her knock and scolded her for not being faithful. She then asked her to go down with him to get something for her mistress.

She followed him into the street, but as it was dark, she refused to go further with him. He thereupon struck her and she fell down. On her crying for help, the man ran away.

Au Sam said that she then returned to the Hotel and on knocking at the door of Room 331 received no response. A room boy opened the door and Au Sam saw her mistress lying on a bed with the side of her face on a pillow. She was then asked to leave the room.

The next day, she went to the Mortuary where she identified the body of her mistress.

On Jan. 10, she again went to the Mortuary and identified the body of a Chinese male as that of the man in the Room at the Hotel.

Further evidence of identification was given by Kwok Kwong Leung and Pong Wing Hop.

Inspector Kinloch said that at about 8 a.m. on Jan. 9, he went to the top floor of the Bank of East Asia Building, where he appealed to a man to come down and not be frightened.

Inspector Kinloch said that he offered the man money and police assistance. He was unaware at the time that the man was wanted for murder. Other people were also trying to get the man to come down.

Inspector Kinloch said that he and D.C.O. Tiplady roped themselves and tried to get to the man, who eventually gave a grunt and let himself fall over the edge of the building.

A verdict of "Death by Strangulation" was returned by the jury of three, in the case of Kun Siu-ha and "Death by Suicide" in the case of Tong Man Ho. Mr. d'Almada said that he concurred with the verdict.

### SPLIT LIKELY

**Salonica, Mar. 5.**  
The Balkan Investigating Commission is experiencing the same nine-to-two split—Russia and Poland dissenting—common on the Security Council and officials fear it will fail to reach unanimous agreement in this first test of United Nations ability to settle an international quarrel.

While the Commission was in Athens all its decisions were unanimous—but in Salonica sharp differences have arisen.—United Press.

### ARAB CLASH

**Beyrouth, Mar. 5.**  
Fourteen persons were killed and 48 wounded in a clash of rival Arab factions at Tripoli, Syria, coincident with the arrival of revolutionary Fawzi el Kauff from Cairo.

The army established a night-long curfew and succeeded in re-establishing quiet.—United Press.

### FIRE ON TANKER

**Houston, Tex., Mar. 5.**  
Ambulances and fire-engines rushed to the scene here today after an explosion on board the United States tanker "Lyons Creek."

An employee of the Port Commission said that a number of persons were injured, and it is believed that some were killed.—Reuter.

A total of 107 cases, and 67 deaths, involving infectious diseases were reported in Hong Kong between Feb. 23 and Mar. 3. These included 87 cases (7 deaths) from tuberculosis, 7 cases (2 deaths) from smallpox and 24 cases (7 deaths) from cerebro-spinal meningitis. A total of 589 births and 307 deaths (from all causes) was also registered. There were 48 cases of malaria, with three deaths.

**Paris, Mar. 4.**  
Czechoslovakia defeated the United States 6-2 tonight to retain the world table tennis title in the men's team competition, which the Czechs won at the last world championship in 1938 at Cairo.—United Press.

On Jan. 30, when DSI Downman, Lo Ching-ching was walking in Tung Choi Street when he was again accused by accused who handed him another slip of paper demanding \$50. The Lo brothers eventually detained accused and handed her over to the Police.

When questioned, continued DSI Downman, Wan said she was instructed by two men in the outpatients' department of the Pathology Hospital to deliver the letter to the Lo brothers.

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## Lawn Bowls Association Meets

The Open Championships of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association are to be contested again this year for the first time since 1941. The decision to hold the Championships was reached yesterday evening at a meeting of the Association held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

The meeting left the incoming committee the decision whether the Lawn Bowls League be re-instituted. Only four clubs in Kowloon and four in Hong Kong have greens available. These are K.B.G.C., K.C.C., Club de Recreio and the Kowloon Dock in Kowloon, and the H.K.F.C., Craiginger, Taiiko, and the Hong Kong Electric on the Island.

Mr. R. P. Phillips was elected President of the Association. Tribute to Mr. Phillips and others who had got lawn bowls going again was paid by Mr. B. Wylie, who took the Chair, supported by Mr. J. F. McGowan and Mr. L. A. Gutterer.

A vote of thanks from the Association to the K.B.G.C. for opening its greens and club facilities to all the Colony's lawn bowlers was proposed by Mr. B. W. Bradbury, President of Calengower, and seconded by Mr. L. A. Gutterer.

Other officers elected were Mr. Frank Goodwin, Vice-President, Mr. J. F. McGowan, Hon. Secretary, and Mr. A. Gutterer, Hon. Treasurer. Clubs affiliated to the Association are each to nominate one representative to the Committee.

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## AUSTRALIA WINS BY FIVE WICKETS Grand Fighting Finish

(By Norman Preston, Reuters Special Correspondent)  
**Sydney, Mar. 5.**

One of the most keenly fought Tests in the history of cricket ended here today with Australia victorious by five wickets. Though England lost they fought so hard that their conquerors considered that they were worthy to share honours.

Without taking any glory from Australia on their great day it is felt that Hutton's illness tipped the scales against England.

In this game of small totals on a dry sporting pitch runs were precious and Yardley did not have sufficient margin to experiment with any real extent with his minor bowlers, particularly Smith.

Consequently, a tremendous responsibility was thrust on Bedser and Wright, who seldom wilted but contested the bitter struggle faithfully until the end of the day.

England would have forced a win or at least there would have been a breath-taking finish if only Edrich had held the catch. Bradman offered off Wright when he was only two and the total 47. It was only the fourth ball Bradman received and he went sharp straight at a nice height but Edrich in Hammond's position failed. Australia would have been in a rare plight had their captain gone then.

Instead, Bradman stayed. He soon lost Barnes, but in Hassett he found a steady partner and their stand of 88 wrested the initiative from England.

**Tense Duel.**  
The tenseness of the duel against Bedser and Wright was indicated by their methods. Bradman, as usual during this series, spent many overs settling down and attaining the correct timing, even though he waited patiently for the ball he could extract perhaps a single from at this period, so accurate was England's attack. Severe punishment was out of the question.

These Australians appreciated the value of every run as did Morris and Barnes in their enterprising opening stand of 45 which showed their colleague the way to deal with England's bowling.

Barnes played another fine innings and Hassett's part was praiseworthy as his captain's, Hassett, a brilliant stroke player when the position presents the opportunity, sacrificed everything for defence and until Bradman

**Open Singles Programme**  
The following is the programme for the First and Second rounds of the Open Singles Tennis Championships which will start on Monday.

**MONDAY, MARCH 10.**  
L. Coop v. Kenneth L. Strachan v. Wong Suk-ki. George Chao v. T. J. Gould. Wong Hok-nang v. Frank Kwok.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11.**  
S. Clark v. Roch Lane. B. Poon v. B. C. Fay. O. Rumsjohn v. O. K. Turvill. Tang Chi-man v. R. Sagalen.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.**  
Paul Kong v. L. Emmett. T. P. Fan v. S. A. Kumsjohn. Au Kam-moon v. Tsui Yee-pul. Lee Wei-long v. L. Roberts.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13.**  
M. Ma v. L. Coop or K. L. A. W. Strachan or Wong Suk-ki. G. Chao or T. J. Gould. Wong Hok-nang or F. H. Kwok. Patrick or R. Liang.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14.**  
Tsui Wai-pul v. Barnett-Dunkin. T. Lo v. M. Fagh. J. A. Furrer v. B. Szto. Yip Koon-hong v. L. Wilson. Ho Ka-lau v. B. T. Mc C. Jones.

**MACAO'S INTERPORT XI**  
The following is the Macao football team for its Interport game against Hong Kong on Sunday on Causeway Bay ground at 3.30 p.m.:

Manuel da Silva, Ramon Ma and Lau Hon-san; Nito Sousa, Alex. Aires, and Americo Cordova; Hernani Lopez, Alberto Aguires, D. Carvalho, Henrique dos Santos, and J. Pacheco.

Reserves: C. Amaratne, H. Maria, Lau Wai-ling, J. Xavier and J. Corico. The team will arrive on Saturday and leave on Monday afternoon.

**Nottingham, Mar. 4.**  
The Nottinghamshire A.F.A. football team and the Nottingham Panthers fought a four-goal game in the first round of the Nottinghamshire A.F.A. football competition.

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